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1. US 5,919,589 A, inventors Kawakami et al., issued July 6, 1999;
2. JP 10 092 432 A, published April 10, 1984 (together with English language abstract); and
3. JP 2000 223 121 A, published August 11, 2000 (together with English language abstract).

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